Troopers Arrest Teen Following Several Robberies - **Update**



Richard J. Martin, Jr.

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Wilmington- Delaware State Police have arrested a second suspect and charged him in connection with his participation in two armed robberies that had occurred at a Wilmington Goodwill over the past two months.

On Tuesday, November 29th, troopers arrested Richard J. Martin, Jr., 14, without incident at a Wilmington area high school he attends after the School Resource Officer at the school recognized him from an earlier released suspect photograph.

Martin was transported to Troop 2 where he was charged with two counts of Robbery 1st Degree and two counts of Conspiracy 2nd Degree. He was arraigned at the New Castle County Family Court and committed to the New Castle County Detention Center in default of \$30,000.00 secured bail.

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Original Release

Wilmington- Delaware State Police Robbery Unit detectives have arrested a Wilmington teen and are searching for a second suspect in connection with three armed robberies of an area Goodwill Store.

The investigation began on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at approximately 1:05 p.m., after troopers responded to the Goodwill located at 300 E. Lea Boulevard, Wilmington, for the report of a robbery which had just occurred. Upon their arrival, troopers learned that a male suspect had entered the business and produced a knife from his pocket. He then confronted a female clerk and demanded money and clothing from her. The clerk complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of cash and clothes to him. The suspect then exited the business and fled in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

On Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 3:40 p.m., the same suspect, along with a second male suspect, again entered the Goodwill. He then produced a large machete and confronted a female employee while the second suspect obtained a hoe from display and confronted a second employee. The suspects then demanded money from the cash register. The employees complied with the suspect's demands and turned over an undisclosed amount of money to them. The suspects then fled from the store in an unknown direction. There were no injuries.

After conducting several interviews and examining physical evidence, troopers were able to positively identify Derrius Chisholm, 14, of Wilmington, as the suspect who had participated in both robberies. Robbery Unit detectives then obtained warrants charging Chisholm with two counts of Robbery 1st Degree, two counts of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, Carrying a Concealed Deadly Weapon, and Conspiracy 2nd Degree, however, efforts to locate Chisholm were unsuccessful.

On Friday, November 25, 2016 at approximately 3:52 p.m.,

Chisholm again entered the Goodwill and produced a machete. He then confronted a female employee and again demanded money from the cash register. The employee complied with Chisholm's demands and turned over cash to him. As this was occurring, the male suspect who had participated in the October 15th robbery, remained outside of the store, acting as a lookout. Both suspects then fled the area in an unknown direction. Again there were no injuries.

A short time later, troopers located Derrius Chisholm at his residence and were able to take him into custody without incident. A subsequent search of the home was conducted at which time evidence linking him to the prior robberies was located.

Chisholm was arrested and transported to Troop 2 where in addition to the charges contained in the original warrant, he was charged with a third count of Robbery 1st degree, a third count of Possession of a Deadly Weapon During the Commission of a Felony, a second count of Conspiracy 2nd Degree, and Wearing a Disguise During the Commission of a Felony. He was arraigned at the New Castle County Family Court and committed to the New Castle County Juvenile Detention Center in default of \$126,000.00 bail.

Detectives are seeking the public's assistance in identifying the second male suspect (pictured) who participated in two of the robberies. He is described as being 17-20 years of age, 5'06"-5'08" tall, and weighing 125-130 lbs.

If anyone has any information or knows the identity of the second suspect, they are asked to contact Det. Anthony Tenebruso at 302-365-8435. Information may also be provided by calling <u>Delaware Crime Stoppers</u> at 1-800-TIP-3333, via the internet at <u>www.delaware.crimestoppersweb.com</u>, or by sending an anonymous tip by text to 274637 (CRIMES) using the keyword "DSP."

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